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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: Fe BASE ALLOY HAVING LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION
THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the abstract of disclosure are submitted beginning on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 3.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 9.